

under section 1016 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (6 U.S.C. 485);

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Reducing Over-Classification Act of 2008: H.R. 4806, amended, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a strategy to prevent the over-classification of homeland security and other information and to promote the sharing of unclassified homeland security and other information; Page H7596

Homeland Security Open Source Information Enhancement Act of 2008: H.R. 3815, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to make full and efficient use of open source information to develop and disseminate open source homeland security information products; Page H7596

Reducing Information Control Designations Act: H.R. 6576, amended, to require the Archivist of the United States to promulgate regulations regarding the use of information control designations; and

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Providing that Federal employees receiving their pay by electronic funds transfer shall be given the option of receiving their pay stubs electronically: H.R. 6073, to provide that Federal employees receiving their pay by electronic funds transfer shall be given the option of receiving their pay stubs electronically. Page H7596

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Condemning the persecution of Baha'is in Iran: H. Res. 1008, amended, to condemn the persecution of Baha'is in Iran; Pages H7350–52

Employee Verification Amendment Act of 2008: H.R. 6633, to evaluate and extend the basic pilot program for employment eligibility confirmation and to ensure the protection of Social Security beneficiaries; and Pages H7588–96

Honoring the service of the Navy and Coast Guard veterans who served on the Landing Ship Tank (LST) amphibious landing craft during World War II, the Korean war, the Vietnam war, Operation Desert Storm, and global operations through 2002 and recognizing the essential role played by LST amphibious craft during these conflicts: H. Res. 1316, to honor the service of the Navy and Coast Guard veterans who served on the Landing Ship Tank (LST) amphibious landing craft during World War II, the Korean war, the Vietnam war, Operation Desert Storm, and global operations through 2002 and to recognize the essential role

played by LST amphibious craft during these conflicts.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency and related measures declared with respect to Lebanon are to continue in effect beyond August 1, 2008—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–140).

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7630–31.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7517–18, H7518, H7518–19, H7530, H7531, H7587, and H7587–88. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RURAL ELECTRICITY RELIABILITY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research held a hearing to review electricity reliability in rural America. Testimony was heard from Jim Andrew, Administrator, Rural Development Electric Programs, USDA; Cynthia A. Marlette, General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Former Representative Glenn English of Oklahoma; Jim Nichols, former Minnesota State Senator and former Secretary of Agriculture, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

FRESH PRODUCE TRACEABILITY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture held a hearing to review legal and technological capacity for full traceability in fresh produce. Testimony was heard from Representatives DeGette and Putnam; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: David W.K. Acheson, M.D., Associate Commissioner, Food Protection, FDA; and Lonnie J. King, Director, D.V.M., National Center for Zoonotic, Vector-Borne, and Enteric Diseases, Center for Disease Control; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session and approved for full Committee action the Defense Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.

SUPREME COURT—GUANTANAMO DECISION

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Implications of the Supreme Court's Boumediene Decision for Detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba: Non-governmental Perspective. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

RISING FOOD PRICES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Rising Food Prices: Budget Challenges. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR IMPACT PROPOSED DELTA/NORTHWEST AIRLINE MERGER

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment and Pensions held a hearing on the Proposed Delta/Northwest Airline Merger: The Impact on Workers. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 6308, Municipal Bond Fairness Act; H.R. 5772, Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2008.

TACTILELY DISTINGUISHABLE CURRENCY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology held a hearing entitled "Examining Issues Related to Tactilely Distinguishable Currency." Testimony was heard from Larry R. Felix, Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

FUTURE OF AL-QAIDA

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled "Reassessing the Threat: The Future of Al Qaeda and Its Implications for Homeland Security." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY REVIEW

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight held a hearing entitled "The Quadrennial Homeland Security Review." Testimony was heard from Alan Cohn, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy Strategic Plans, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

Committee on House Administration: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 6339, amended, Federal

Employees Deserve to Volunteer on the Elections Act of 2008; H.R. 6474, To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to carry out a series of demonstration projects to promote the use of innovative technologies in reducing energy consumption and promoting energy efficiency and cost savings in the House of Representatives; H.R. 6475, Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Act of 2008; H.R. 6589, amended, Charles H.W. Meehann Law Library Improvement and Modernization Act; H.R. 998, amended, Civil Rights History Project Act of 2007; H.R. 6625, amended, Veterans Voting Support Act; H.R. 6627, Smithsonian Institution Facilities Authorization Act of 2008; H.R. 6608, House Reservists Pay Adjustment Act of 2008; and H. Res. 1207, amended, Directing the Chief Administrative Officer of the House to provide individuals whose pay is disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer by electronic funds transfer with the option of receiving receipts of pay and withholdings electronically.

The Committee also approved the following Committee Resolutions: an amendment to Regulations of the Committee on House Administration pertaining to shared employees; and a resolution adopting amendments to the Committee's implementing Regulations for Student Loan Repayment.

CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS RESOLUTION KARL ROVE; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported a resolution and report finding Karl Rove in contempt for failure to appear pursuant to subpoena and recommending to the House of Representatives that Mr. Rove be cited for contempt of Congress.

The Committee also ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 6577, Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact; H.R. 6126, Fairness in Nursing Home Arbitration Act of 2008; H.R. 6064, amended, National Silver Act; H.R. 6503, Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program Reauthorization of 2008; H.R. 5167, amended, Justice for Victims of Torture and Terrorism Act; and H.R. 4479, To enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, "Public Contracts;" and private relief bills.

The Committee also approved private relief bills.

U.S. FACILITIES IN IRAQ—DEFICIENT ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Deficient Electrical Systems at U.S. Facilities in Iraq. Testimony was heard from Senator Casey; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charlie E. Williams, Jr., Director, Defense Contract Management Agency; Jeffrey P. Parsons, Executive Director, Army Contracting Command,

U.S. Army; and Gordon S. Heddell, Acting Inspector General; Keith Ernst, former Director, Defense Contract Management Agency, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

CENSUS BUDGET ISSUES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing entitled “Critical Budget Issues Affecting the 2010 Census—Part 2.” Testimony was heard from Steven H. Murdock, Director, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; Kenneth Prewitt, former Director, U.S. Bureau of the Census, and Marvin Raines, former Associate Director, Field Operations, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; and a public witness.

PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1338, the “Paycheck Fairness Act.” The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Miller of California, Representatives DeLauro, Bean, and McKeon.

HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY ACT CONFERENCE REPORT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule that waives all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 4137, the Higher Education Opportunity Act and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Miller of California and Representative McKeon.

NASA'S PAST AND FUTURE

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on NASA at 50: Past Accomplishments and Future Opportunities and Challenges. Testimony was heard from former Senator John Glenn of Ohio; and public witnesses.

REDUCING REGULATORY BURDENS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulations, Health Care and Trade held a hearing entitled “Burdens on Small Firms: What Rules Need Reform?” Testimony was heard from Susan E. Dudley, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, SBA; Chris Wagner, Deputy Commissioner, Small Business/Self Employed Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

CREDIT CRUNCH: EFFECTS ON FEDERAL LEASING/CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Credit Crunch: A Hearing on the Effects on Federal Leasing and Construction. Testimony was heard from David Winstead, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA, and public witnesses.

RESTORING AMERICA'S GREAT WATERS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Protecting and Restoring America's Great Waters—Part II: Chesapeake Bay. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sarbanes and Wittman of Virginia; from the following officials of the EPA: Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water; and Wade Najjum, Assistant Inspector General; Anu K. Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, GAO; William Matuszeski, former Director, Chesapeake Bay Program Office, EPA; W. Tayloe Murphy, Jr., former Secretary of Natural Resources, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATIONS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Congressional Notifications. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

SECURITY CLEARANCE REFORM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management held a hearing on Security Clearance Reform. Testimony was heard from Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO.

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE—ROLE OF NATURAL GAS

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled “What’s Cooking with Gas: the Role of Natural Gas in Energy Independence and Global Warming Solutions.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**ENERGY CRISIS**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways to solve the energy crisis, focusing on reducing dependence on foreign oil, creating new energy resources, and strengthening the nation’s economy, after receiving testimony from Ian Bowles, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Boston, Massachusetts; Dan W. Reicher, Google.org, Mountain View, California; Jonathan Koomey, Stanford University, Stanford, California; and Mark P. Mills, Digital Power Capital, Arlington, Virginia.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D938)

H.R. 1553, to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to information regarding pediatric cancers and current treatments for such cancers, establish a national childhood cancer registry, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancer. Signed on July 29, 2008. (Public Law 110–285)

H.R. 3890, to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to prohibit the importation of gemstones and hardwoods from Burma, to promote a coordinated international effort to restore civilian democratic rule to Burma. Signed on July 29, 2008. (Public Law 110–286)

H.J. Res. 93, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. Signed on July 29, 2008. (Public Law 110–287)

S. 2766, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to address certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of a recreational vessel. Signed on July 29, 2008. (Public Law 110–288)

H.R. 3221, to provide needed housing reform. Signed on July 30, 2008. (Public Law 110–289)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the North Korean Six-Party Talks and implementation activities; to be immediately followed by closed session to examine certain intelligence matters in S–407, 9:30 a.m., SR–325.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the state of the nation’s transmission grid, focusing on the implementation of the transmission provisions of the Energy Policy Act (Public Law 109–58), including reliability, siting, and infrastructure investment, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 906, to prohibit the sale, distribution, transfer, and export of elemental mercury, S. 3109, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system, S. 24, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require a health advisory and monitoring of drinking water for perchlorate, S. 150, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to protect the health of pregnant women, fetuses, infants, and children by requiring a health advisory and drinking water standard for perchlorate, S. 1911, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to protect the health of susceptible populations, including pregnant women, infants, and children, by requiring a health advisory, drinking water standard, and reference concentration for trichloroethylene vapor intrusion, S. 1933, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide grants to small public drinking water systems, S. 2549, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish an Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice to provide guidance to Federal agencies on the development of criteria for identifying disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority populations and low-income populations, S. 642, to codify Executive Order 12898, relating to environmental justice, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to fully implement the recommendations of the Inspector General of the Agency and the Comptroller General of the United States, S. 199, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Amendments of 1996 to modify the grant program to improve sanitation in